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In re Application of: David D. Crouch	:	Group Art Unit 2873
Serial No. 10/803,403	:	Examiner: Ben, Loha
Filed: 03/18/2004	:	Date: July 24, 2006

#### PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.181 TO WITHDRAWAL HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for withdrawal of a holding of abandonment in the above-referenced application. The facts in the case are as follows:

- The application was filed on March 18, 2004. The Fee Transmittal form submitted with the application included a general authorization to charge any additional fees or underpayment of fees to Applicant's deposit account. A copy of the fee transmittal is enclosed.
- A Notice of Allowance and Fees Due was mailed on March 6, 2006.
- The Issue Fee Transmittal form was returned by facsimile on March 27, 2006. A copy of the Fee Transmittal form and the Auto-Reply transmission are enclosed. The Issue Fee Box in section 4a. is clearly checked, but the Publication Fee box is not checked. In Section 4b., the box authorizing the Director to charge the required fee(s) to a Deposit Account is also clearly checked, and the deposit account information is provided.
- A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on July 13, 2006. The Notice indicates that the Abandonment was due to "applicants' failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee ... ". The Notice of Abandonment

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further notes that "the submitted fee of \$300 is insufficient. A balance of \$1400 is due." A copy of the Notice of Abandonment is also enclosed.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Issue Fee Transmittal was filed with a clear intent to pay the required fees, and is thus subject to the provisions of the third paragraph of MPEP 1306, which reads as follows:

Where it is clear that an applicant actually intends to pay the issue fee and required publication fee, but the proper fee payment is not made, for example, an incorrect issue fee amount is supplied, or a PTOL-85B Fee(s) Transmittal form is filed without payment of the issue fee, a general authorization to pay fees or a specific authorization to pay the issue fee, submitted prior to the mailing of a notice of allowance, will be allowed to act as payment of the correct issue fee. 37 CFR 1.311(b). In addition, where the deposit account information is added to the Fee(s) Transmittal form (PTOL-85B), but the check box authorizing that the deposit account be charged the issue fee is not checked, the deposit account will still be charged the required issue fee and any required publication fee.

Applicant respectfully requests that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn and the application be allowed to proceed to issue.

Respectfully submitted, David D. Crouch

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